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NEW GRAND REGENT . . . of Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, Mrs. John F. Gitschler, presents a corsage to the state grand regent, Mrs. Eva Messerschmidt of Long Beach, who was an honor guest at last Monday's installation rites. Watching the presentation are, left, Mrs. Lyle J. O'Hara, outgoing grand regent, and Miss Helene Thompson of Redondo Beach, district deputy, who did the installing.

Catholic Daughters Install; Girl Scouts Visit Catalina

With the state grand regent, Mrs. Eva Messerschmidt of Long Beach, looking on, new leaders of Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, took office last Monday night at formal ceremonies held at Nativity Parish Hall.

Seated as the new grand regent to succeed Mrs. Lyle J. O'Hara was Mrs. John F. Gitschler. Taking their places beside her were Mrs. Robert A. Alfred, prophetess; Lawrence Hardesty, phophtess; Lawrence Derouin, financial secretary; William Garrity, historian; Ray Rogers, treasurer; G. J. Cavanaugh, mon-

NEW MEMBER JOINS SOROPTIMIST CLUB

A new charter member, Roline L. Bever, co-owner of the Fred Bever Oil Well Co., was welcomed into the Soroptimist Club at last week's meeting, bringing the roster to a total of 27 thus far.

The club will continue receiving charter members until June 30, when a dinner and charter party will be held at 7 p.m. at the Western Ave. Cafe. Following the meal, first-year officers will be installed.

Another state officer viewing the ceremonies was Mrs. E. Leach, social welfare chairman. Visitors from other courts in the Los Angeles area, including Compton, Ave Maria, Joan of Arc, Our Lady of Victory, Mathias, Angelus, and Court St. Anthony also were in attendance.

The new president and Miss Thompson poured at a tea and social hour following the installation. A mixed bouquet of purple and yellow flowers and purple tapers in white holders set a regal note at the refreshment table.

Committees in charge of the affair included Mrs. Clarence Cole, chairman; Gilbert De La Cruz, Andrew Babel, LeRoy Armstrong, and Regina Cunningham.

WILL MEET TONIGHT. All members and friends of the group are invited to attend tonight's open board session of South Bay B'nai B'rith Women, to be held at the 16507 Haas Ave., Gardens home of Mrs. Annette Erdman.

Those desiring transportation may call Mesdames Bernard Yeskin, FAirfax 8-4885, or Maxine Robinson, MEEnlo 5-5390.

Ellen Smith, J. D. Manier Recite Vows

Double-ring ceremonies at the Reno home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Claude M. Lund, united Ellen C. Smith, supervising clerk at Harbor General Hospital, and J. Dudley Manier, local road construction engineer, in marriage last Friday.

For the quiet rites the bride selected a brown tulle two-piece frock with white accessories and a white orchid. Her sister, attending as matron of honor wore a violet suit complemented by pink accessories.

Mr. Lund served as best man, while the Rev. Samuel Smith officiated.

The new Mr. and Mrs. are now making their home at 911 Sartori Ave.

MRS. G. PECKHAM ENTERTAINS CLUB

Using petunia bouquets as center decor for a dessert luncheon preceding card play, Mrs. George Peckham opened her Post Ave. home Wednesday to members of her bridge club.

Top honors for the day were won by the hostess and Mrs. Charles Schultz. Others attending were Mesdames Mildred Lancaster, Charles T. Rippey Sr., Wallace Post, Plumia C. Whyte, Carl Warner, and R. J. Deininger.



FORMALLY INSTALLED . . . as president of the Torrance Woman's Club at ceremonies in the Clubhouse Wednesday afternoon last week, Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, left, receives the gavel from Outgoing President Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt. Mrs. Ewalt will serve as parliamentarian during the 1953-54 club year. Other leaders installed were, left to right, Mesdames H. J. Osborne, federation secretary; W. I. Laughon,

auditor; H. L. Mitchell, treasurer; Miss Frances Dimitri, corresponding secretary; Mesdames Hugh Bowman, recording secretary; F. P. Foley, first vice-president; K. D. Fig-gins, second vice-president; D. J. Thomsen, yearbook chairman; A. E. Palmer, ways and means chairman; J. A. Elsenbrandt, reservations; and M. A. Bauman, third vice-president.

What's Wrong? Wives To Find Out Figure Faults, Cures

What's wrong with your figure and what can you do about it?

Torrance women will find out tomorrow morning when they attend the first in a series of charm and beauty classes to be sponsored by the Y-Wives of the YWCA, at 11 o'clock.

Measurements will be taken, exercises will be prescribed for each individual figure problem and, if time permits, diet will be discussed. Mrs. Otis S. Blackstone, public relations director, revealed. Each woman attending is asked to bring a tape measure and to wear shorts or slacks and low-heeled shoes.

Conducting the class, which is open to anyone interested at a small fee, will be Mrs. Edith Dahlen, former head teacher for the Rita LaRoy Modeling School, who last week presented to the group a showing of summer styles for every occasion from morning to midnight.

The fee, to be collected at each of the four class meetings, will cover the cost of the course and child care as well. Further information may be obtained by calling the Torrance branch of the YWCA, FAirfax 8-5914.

Childbirth Film On Slate For Moms-to-be

Ladies in waiting will have the opportunity of seeing the film, "Labor and Childbirth," at the Expectant Mothers' Class in the Torrance Health Center Thursday, June 18, at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Leona Brown Rowe, public health nurse-instructor, has booked the film which reviews hospital needs and registration, preparation for baby's birth, and its entrance into the world. A second film, "Frenatal Care," also has been scheduled.

Prospective parents are invited to this or any other of the classes held each Thursday at the same locale under the sponsorship of the County Health Department.

All-Night Party Tops Grad Slate Tonight

Torrance High School graduating seniors will dance, sing and frolic the night out tonight when the school PTA sponsors an after-graduation party at El Camino College.

The festivities, to begin at 11 p.m. and continue through 5:30 a.m., will feature the music of Al Gordon and his orchestra, who currently finished 52 weeks at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. Gala carnival activities and a sumptuous breakfast at 4 a.m. also are on the evening agenda of fun.

With both adult PTA leaders and members of the senior class in charge of arrangements, the affair promises to be a social success. Mrs. Jackson S. Moore, publicity chairman, said.

Heading the adult committee is Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer. Assisting her are Mesdames Sam Neely, Lee Flanagan, Irwin Kasten, Edward Rhone, Nat Williamson, Victor Benard, and Charles Curtiss.

Miss Jeanne Whitten is leading the senior committee. Her assistants are Susie Benard, Joann Courdway, Joan Stephens, Betty Peterson, Janet Williamson, Rosa Garcia, Jimmie Mathews, Margaret Davis, and Nora Owens.

The affair is open to all members of the graduating class and their guests.

Freedom Play To Highlight WSCS Meet

"We Call It Freedom," a play, will highlight today's meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Church, to be held at the ladies' parlor.

The program, to be presented by members of Circle Seven, will begin at 1 p.m., following a 10:30 a.m. business session and a noon luncheon.

Mrs. J. S. McMullen, newly installed president, will conduct the business, while Mrs. Jesse Greer, circle chairman, will be in charge of the luncheon. As-sisting in the serving will be members of Circle Two.

Shower Fetes Miss McFarland

A pre-nuptial, miscellaneous affianced couple highlighted table decor.

Among the 20 guests attending were the following from Torrance: Mesdames Elsie Pestoff, Charles Warning, Warren Reynolds, Henderson, Delvin, Lawrence Erven, and Melvin A. McFarland, mother of the honoree; Misses Marie Babcock, Susie Snyder, Priscilla Reynolds, Agnes Moore, and Carolyn Hill.

Roses Recall Rites Joining O. A. Kresses 40 Years Ago

Cecil Brunner roses and hydrangeas, the flowers they used at their wedding 40 years ago, highlighted home decor last Sunday when the Otto A. Kresses, 1448 El Prado, held open house in honor of their anniversary.

Hosting the affair for their parents were Miss Jean Kresse of Torrance and Mrs. Robert Manning of Pasadena.

The "bride" received the nearly 60 friends who attended during the afternoon and evening, gowned in a grey cocktail dress set off by a necklace of am-



EAGERLY TALKING . . . over the opportunities for fun and education they will find at the Aallomar Leadership Training Conference June 22 to 29 are these local Y-teen club presidents, left to right, Peggy Wood, Debutantes; Robin Cockerill, Torrettes; Peggy Benton, Freshmen; and Deloris Knuutila, Betas. The gals, official delegates from Torrance to the conference, met with other delegates from the Harbor District YWCA this week for a final briefing before leaving here by chartered bus on June 22.



NATIVITY ROYALTY . . . Father P. J. McGuinness crowns pert Alice Marie Machado as queen of the Nativity Catholic School carnival held at the school last Tuesday night. Seated on the king's "throne" is Lloyd Martinez, while the court of princesses and princes, left to right, is Cynthia Carlin, Patricia Basile, William Hiatt, and Joseph Cemore. The first grade tots won the royal honors for selling the most tickets to the all-day festivities.